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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1617

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This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002. Please amend the application as indicated below.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 3, 4, 13, 22 and 24.

Please substitute the claim set in entitled "Clean Version of Pending Claims" for the previously pending claim set. Claims 3, 4, 13, 22 and 24 are cancelled. Claims 1 and 23 are amended. The pending claims are claims 1, 6-11, 14-21 and 23. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

Please amend the following claims:

1. [Once Amended] A method to [reduce the sensitivity of] normalize the contractile response of an endothelially-compromised vascular smooth muscle cell to a vasoconstrictor agonist in a patient in need of such [reduction] normalization, comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a CLC3 blocker, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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